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HISTORY

Combat Control Teams (CCTs) rich history started in 1943 during World War II as Army pathfinders, created out of the need for accurate airdrops during airborne campaigns. Pathfinders preceded the main assault forces into objective areas to provide weather information and visual guidance to inbound aircraft through the use of high-powered lights, flares and smoke pots. In 1947, the Air Force became a separate service and by 1953 Air Force Pathfinders, later called Combat Control Teams, were activated to provide navigational aids and air traffic control for a growing Air Force. During the Vietnam War, CCTs helped assure mission safety and expedited air traffic flow during countless airlifts. CCTs continue to be the "First There" when they are called upon to help resolve international emergencies and humanitarian relief efforts.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	28	1	2	3	4	5
		First Marines meet frogmen of UDT 12 near Da Nang, 1965				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				St. Patrick's Day		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday Begins					Good Friday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday CSAR package rescues "Vega 31" from Serbia 1999						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2